Funds Allocated for rain water harvesting

†1484. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any Rain Water Harvesting Scheme for implementation national level;

(b) if so, the broad outlines of the schemes;

(c) the names of the States where the implementaton of said scheme has started; and

(d) the funds allocated by Government for this purpose State-wise during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Central Ground Water Board, under the Ministry fo Water Resources had implemènted demonstrative rain water harvesting and recharge projects in the country, under its \Central Sector Scheme for study of Recharge to Ground Water on "Pilot basis" during IX Five Year Plan, at a cost of Rs. 23.48 crore. Under this schemes, a total number of 174 projects were approved for implementation in 27 States/Union Territories. The Government has prepared a Central Sector Scheme of Recharge of Ground Water, at an estimated cost of Rs. 150 crore for inclusion in the X Five Year Plan. The scheme is at consultation stage. As such, no funds have so for been allocated to the States under the scheme during the current financial year.

Steps for checking erosion in Murshidabad, W.B.

1485. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the steps Government have taken to check the bank erosion of Ganga in the district of Murshidabad, West Bengal;

(b) whether Government are aware that a vast stretch of India land in Indo-Bangladesh border has been engulfed by this continuous erosion

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